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The Ortonville Nurseries

LIST OF HEALTHY POTTED

Herbaceous Perennials, Biennials, Rock and Alpine Plants

Including Special Hemerocallis List

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THE ORTONVILLE NURSERIES

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FOREWORD

We are happy to announce that this list of perennials is by far the best that we have offered in the last ten years that we have been retailing perennials and biennials in this area. It includes more new introductions and changes than we have been able to offer you any year in the past.

The plants we offer in this catalog are all potted in tar paper pots. This means that you can transplant them at any time of the year that the ground is not frozen. We have planted perennial gardens successfully in the hottest part of the summer.

Generally speaking, perennials should be planted in a well drained location, with soil preferably a little bit on the light side. They will tolerate soils on the heavy side if the drainage is good. A light winter mulch is usually advisable.

If you desire to lay out your own perennial garden, study our catalog thoroughly, as to the height, time of bloom, and colors.

Unless otherwise noted, the perennials and biennials listed here are 50c each, \$45.00 per 100. If you have the beds prepared in advance we will plant your perennials properly for \$12.00 per 100.

In each description the month mentioned is the time of bloom. This, of course, will vary with different years. The height is given also.

Varieties marked (asterisk) are desirable in the rock garden as well as the flower border.

Please take note of the wonderful selection of outstanding Hemerocallis found in this list.

If you have any landscape problems please consult our landscape department. Landscape design and construction is a big part of our business.

NOTICE TO GARDEN CLUBS

We have available speakers on various horticultural subjects to speak at your meetings.

THE ORTONVILLE NURSERIES

LIST OF

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS, BIENNIALS, ROCK AND ALPINE PLANTS

AJUGA (Bugle)

***Reptans**—A splendid variety for ground cover in dense shaded places. Blue flowers in May.

ALYSSUM (Basket of Gold)

Saxatile Compactum—A brilliant profusion of bright yellow flowers in April and May. The popular perennial to plant amongst tulips in the rockery and border. 10 inch.

ANCHUSA (Alkanet)

Myosotidiflora—The Forget-me-not flowered Anchusa. Clear sky blue flowers on 12 inch stems in late April and May.. Very hardy, good in sun or shade.

AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

Mrs. Scott Elliot Hybrids—Outstanding for its wide range of color. The best. 2-2½ ft. June.

ARENARIA (Sandwort)

***Verna Caespitosa**—A prostrate growing plant with foilage forming a bright green carpet which is starred from May to August with numerous small white flowers. Just the plant to use between flagstones. 65c each.

ARMERIA (Thrift)

***Lauchiana**—Rosy flowers on 4 to 6 inch stems blooming freely in May and June. A good rock garden plant.

ARTEMESIA (Southernwood, Sagebrush)

Silver King—Grown for its striking foilage, the three foot well branched plants have soft silver white foilage. Ideal for mixing with cut flowers and winter bouquets.

***Silver Mound**—Dwarf compact plant 4 inches tall and 12 inches in diameter. Fernlike foilage of bright silver gray.

ASTERS (Hardy Asters)

Cardinal—A profusion of semi-double deep rosy red flowers on bushy plants. 3 ft. September.

Frikarti—Wonder of Staffa is truly a wonder in every garden. Lavender blue flowers 2 to 2½ inches across with contrasting small yellow centers from June until frost. Truly an everblooming perennial. 2 feet tall. 75c each.

ASTILBE (See Spirea)

One of the most pleasing, hardiest and easily grown perennials you can have in your garden. Modern varieties are very colorful and may be used to great advantage as accent plants in the border, high color in the rockery and in front of shrubs.

***Avalanche**—Deeply cut attractive foilage with plumes of pure white flowers on 18 inch stems.

***Fanal**—Deep green sturdy foilage forming compact full plants with brilliant carmine red closely set flower clusters on 18 inch stems. This is an "Eye Stopping Color."

***Rheinland**—Clear pink full flower spikes set on well branched plants. Combines beautifully with blue and yellow flowers.

All Astilbes \$1.00 each.

CAMPANULA (Bell Flower)

***Carpatica**—Plants form perfect, dense mounds of foilage with masses of erect blue bells facing upward blooming from June until October. Perfect for the rockery, border and wall garden. 8 inches tall.

CARNATION (Hardy Border)

King of Blacks—Deep velvet maroon, almost black on 12 to 18 inch stems. Blooms from June to September. Excellent cut flower.

Rose Queen—Identical to above in habit with lovely deep rose pink blooms. Very free flowering.

Scarlet and Red Shades—Double and semi-double flowers in shades of red and scarlet throughout June and July.

White Shades—Double and single flowers of pure white from June to September.

Yellow Shades—Same habits white but with pale yellow flowers of good size.

CHRYSANTHEMUM (Large Flowering)

Owing to the early date which we have frosts in this locality we have decided that only the earliest blooming sorts are suitable for this locality. While our winters are often quite severe and mums oft-times do not winter good for this reason, we have tried to select those varieties that from our experience are the hardiest.

Algonquin—Clear bright double yellow flowers 2½ inches across on plants 2 feet tall. Blooms from early September.

Avalanche—Beautiful large double pure white flowers of perfect form. Blooms profusely from mid-September. Excellent for cutting with 18 to 20 inch stems.

Chippewa—Large flower with slightly incurved petals. The color is plum red or may be described as aster purple. A favorite for cold areas. 2 feet tall. Mid-September.

Glacier—Early flowering pure white decorative type on compact plants 18 inches high. Blooms September 10th.

Mrs. Sam Rotan—Nice sprays of large double yellow blooms shading to deep orange. 2 ft. Late September.

Olive Longland—Salmon pink. One of the outstanding mums of recent introduction. Big three inch blooms of rich apricot blended with soft salmon pink. 2 ft. Late September.

Red Velvet—Clear velvety dark crimson flowers that hold in color. Large flowers, sturdy stems, lusty foliage on 2 ft. plants from early October.

CHRYSANTHEMUM (Cushion Type)

Bronze Cushion—Deep bronze flowers.

Pink Cushion—Light pink flowers.

Red Cushion—Deep red flowers.

Yellow Cushion—Bright yellow flowers.

All of these bloom in October. In the spring the plants sell at the usual price of 50c per pot, but are priced at 75c each during the fall blooming season. The same is true with the rest of the varieties of mums.

CHRYSANTHEMUM (Button Type)

Chiquita—Light golden yellow. 2 ft. September.

Pepita—White. 2 ft. Mid-September.

Rosita—Light persian rose. 2 ft. September.

CHRYSANTHEMUM MAXIMUM (Shasta Daisy)

Alaska—Large glistening white single daisy with yellow center. Two foot plants bloom heavily in June and July.

Charming—New, everblooming, large single. Flowers often 5 inches across. Blooms from June to frost. \$1.00 each.

Ester Reed—Double medium sized double white. 2 ft. July. 75c.

Chiffon Majestic—Great pure white flowers with double row of frilled petals and small yellow center. A flower of great substance on 2 ft. sturdy stems flowering most of the Summer. Wonderful for cutting.

Marconi—A new very large double pure white shasta daisy. June. 2 ft. \$1.00 each.

Ridenour's New Double—Beautiful large new double. Also blooms all summer. \$1.00 each.

COREOPSIS (Tickseed)

Sunburst—Double form of above.

DELPHINUM (Larkspur)

Pacific Hybrids—This new strain is considered the best. It was developed in America and is vastly superior to the European strains. Mildew resistant. 4 to 5 ft. June.

DICENTRA (Bleeding heart)

Spectabilis—Large flowering variety. \$1.00 each. Pink. 2 ft. June.

Exima—Dwarf plants growing about 14 inches high, with equal spread. Showy sprays of light pink heart shaped flowers amongst finely cut fern like foliage.

DICTAMNUS (Gas Plant)

Fraxinella Alba—A permanent hardy perennial with a compact shrub-like growth and attractive spikes of pure white flowers during June and July. Long lasting as a cut flower.

Fraxinella Rubra—The same fine shrub-like growth as Alba with rose pink flowers on 2½ foot plants.

DIGITALIS (Foxglove)

Gloxinaeflora—We have mixed colors in rose, purple and white. 3 ft. June.

FUNKIA (Plantain Lily)

Sub Cordata—This variety has large heart shaped yellowish green leaves and white flowers. A good shade plant. 2 ft. September.

Undulata Medio Variegata—A small variegated leaved variety with blue flowers. Also good for shady locations. 2 ft. September.

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

Grandiflora Burgundy—Deep wine red practically no yellow. 18 inches. All Summer.

***Grandiflora Goblin**—Dwarf. Large yellow and red flowers. 12 inches. All summer.

HOLLYHOCKS (Althea Rosea)

Separate colors of red, pink, white and yellow. Double flowers.

GYPHOPHILA (Baby's Breath)

Bristol Fairy—A true double. White. All Summer. 2 ft. 75c each.

Perfecta—Much the same as the above only the double flowers are much larger. \$1.00 each. (

Rosy Veil—Grows to 12 inches high and spreads 18 to 20 inches. Produces double rosy-pink flowers in graceful compact sprays. 75c each.

HEMEROCALLIS

This group of plants has increased in popularity by leaps and bounds, since the introduction of many new hybrids of unusual merit.

Today, with the great range in time of bloom that is possible to attain with the wise selection of the right varieties, it is possible to have continuous bloom from mid-May to the last of September. Hybridizers have also made it possible to have a wide range of color, including about all shades of yellow, gold, red, mahogany, pink, brown; with a great variety of markings and shape of flower.

It can be truly said that Hemerocallis will grow almost everywhere. They are very tolerant of extremely dry locations, where hardly anything else could survive. They do well in a reasonable amount of shade, and will tolerate a

moist situation. In short, they are an all-around good perennial.

While a good number will be kept potted as usual at our sales grounds in Detroit, the large variety on this list makes it inadvisable to keep this many varieties in stock there, so in most cases orders will be filled from the nursery as ordered with several days notice. As long as the the order will be promptly filled, most orders will be furnished bare root.

All varieties not priced are 50c each.

We hope that you will explore this field and get as much pleasure out of *Hemerocallis* as we have.

August Pioneer—Chrome yellow with outer half of petals flushed red. 34 in. Late. 90c

Bagdad—So named for its rich combination of colors—clear orange throat, with outer petals coppery red over orange veins and mid zone madder brown. Large 5 inch flowers. Fragrant. Really unusual. 3 ft. July. 75c

Belle of Natchez—Deep golden yellow color. A strong grower and a good multiplier. 30 in. July. 75c.

Boutonniere—A profusion of miniature flowers with wide open, overlapping and recurving petals. Sepals clear yellow, petals light rosy peach and apricot with trace of mid stripe. Grassy foliage. Long period of fall bloom. Neat, free and graceful. Deciduous. 3 ft. Blooms late August into October. 75c.

Buckeye—Like Mikado, bunch flowered and a month earlier. Proflic in growth and bloom. Good evenings. 3 ft. June. 75c.

Cinnebar—Fine delicate shade of brownish red, petals and sepals of gold-glistening, throat is cadium yellow, outer half of petals sprinkled with bright, fulvous red. 30 in. Mid-season. 75c.

Golconda—Golden yellow trumpet shaped flowers. Dependable bloomer and good propagator. 30 in. July. 75c.

Harvest Moon—A luscious apricot blend, the flowers large and rounded, with full, wide petals of extra heavy substance. 34 in. 75c.

Imperator—Large, open star shaped flowers of orange-red with yellow throat and mid-lines. 42-48 in. Late mid-season. 75c.

Kwanso Flora Plena—Orange flushed with red, similar to Fulva, only double. 42 in. Midseason.

Leoman Hybrids—A mixture of red, and pink shades. Unusual. 75c.

Lena Hoover—Dark mahogany red. Large flower tremendous grower. 3 ft. July. 75c.

Margaret Perry—Brilliant orange-scarlet line with yellow. 4 ft. Late midseason.

Mikado—The large spot of mahogany red in each petal contrasts sharply with the rich golden yellow in the rest of the flower. Near the top of the list in all Hemerocallis selections. 3 ft. June to August.

Modesto—Dwarf and slow grower. Velvety red. Unusual color and very scarce. 2 ft. July-August. \$1.00.

Mrs. W. H. Wyman—Light canary yellow. Open trumpet type. 3 to 3½ ft. July-August.

My Destiny—Bright yellow. Good grower. 30 in. June and July. \$1.00.

Ochralucca—Lemon yellow flowers, that are more trumpet-shaped than most, closing up at night. 3 ft. Late July.

Sirius—Rich orange with famed eye zone. Petals charmingly crinkled. Very fragrant. 3 ft. July.

Sweetbriar—Lustrous flower, larger in size and much better formed and branched than Fulva Rosea. The flesh pink petals and sepals are well reflexed, showing a delicate yellow cup. 40 in. Midseason. \$1.00.

Wabash—Brighter red than Venice. Good bloomer. July. 3 ft. 75c.

Witchita—Burnt sienna, produced by faint red tints over greenish yellow. Very unusual and attractive form and color. 2-2½ ft. July. Down to 50 cents.

HEMEROCALLIS COLLECTIONS

COLLECTION NO. 1

One each of the following: Boutonniere, Lena Hoover, Mikado, Sirius, Witchita.

A \$3.00 Value for \$1.95

COLLECTION NO. 2

One each of the following: August Pioneer, Buckeye, Leonian Hybrids, Modesto, Ochralucca.

A \$3.90 Value for \$2.95

COLLECTION NO. 3

One each of the following: Bagdad, Belle of Natchez, Cinnebar, Golconda, Imperaton.

A \$3.50 Value for \$2.79

COLLECTION NO. 4

One of each of the following: My Destiny, Sweetbriar, Wabash, Boutonniere, Lena Hoover, Leonian Hybrid, Mikado, Modesto, Ochralucca, Sirius.

A \$7.25 Value for only \$6.00

LATHYRUS (Perennial Sweet Pea)

Latifolius—Vigorous climber. Separate colors of red, pink, and white.

LAVENDULA (Lavender)

Vera—This is the true lavender. Grows about 18 inches high, delightful blue flowers that bloom in July and August.

LIATRIS (Blazing Star - Kansas Gayfeather)

Pycnostachya—One of the finest mid-Summer flowers for show and cut flowers. The upper third of 4 ft. spike is covered with soft lavender blue flowers in July and early August..

September Glory—Later flowering and more bloom than the above, this variety grows 6 feet tall with great spires of purple in late August and September. Plant in groups in the border for show and cutting.

White Spires—All the habits of its parent September Glory, but with cool white spires. A welcome color in late Summer. 5 feet tall.

LINUM (Perennial Flax)

Perennae—Delicate light blue flowers in spikes 18 inches long, blooming most of the Summer.

LUPINUS (Lupine)

Russell Hybrids—Great spikes growing 3 to 4 feet high with solid spires of closely set Sweet Pea like blossoms in rich shades of blue, white, pink and rose in solid and bi-colors. Symmetrical spikes of broad standard and large keeled florets. Protect well over first winter.

LYTHRUM (Loosestrife)

Dropmore Purple—Wiry stems 2½ feet tall bear long spikes of attractive pink-violet flowers. Dependable and hardy, this variety will flower all summer.

Morden's Pink—Sturdy full flowered spikes of beautiful clear deep pink from early June until late Fall. Grows into upright clumps in full sun or light shade in moist or dry soil. 3 feet.

Robert—New long growing plant produces masses of spikes of clear pink flowers. 18 inches.

MONARDA (Bee-Balm)

Croftway Pink—An appealing rich rose-pink. Flowers borne in close heads on 2 to 3 foot stems. Prefers sun or semi-shade.

Cambridge Scarlet—Brilliant crimson flowers from June until August, on 2 to 3 foot stems. Will do well in almost any soil. Prefers sun or semi-shade.

PACHYSANDRA (Spurge)

Terminalis—A choice ground cover forming compact, hardy, dark green plants 8 inches high spreading quickly after the first year. Thrives in the shade and even grows under Evergreens. 35c, \$30.00 per 100.

PAPAVER (Poppy)

Oriente—Common Oriental poppy. Mostly flame orange-red. 2½ ft. May.

We have the following named varieties (average height 2½ ft.):

Barr's White—White with purplish black spots in base. 75c.

Beauty of Livermore—Bright crimson. Large. 75c.

Crimson Pompon—Crimson and double. 75c.

Helen Elizabeth—Pink. Unusual color. 75c.

Henry Cayeaux—Old rose shaded burgundy. 75c.

May Sadler—Salmon pink. Free bloomer. 75c.

Mrs. Perry—Salmon pink. 75c.

Poppy Collection No. 1—One of each of the above varieties. Regular \$5.25 value for \$4.50.

Poppy Collection No. 2—Your choice of 4 of above \$2.75

PEONIES

We will not list varieties here, but we have all popular colors, in doubles and singles selling from \$1.00 to \$3.00, depending on the variety.

PHLOX DECUSATA (Hardy Phlox)

The following list is from our experience representative of the best in phlox, without duplication, as in large lists where many varieties are listed that are almost identically the same.

Charles Curtis (True)—Rich cherry-red holding well in the sun. Large heads of bloom. Husky grower. Best red to date. 75c.

Caroline Vandenburg—A true lavender blue. Mid-season. Medium tall.

Count Zeppelin—Pure white flowers with nice vermilion red eye. Attractive color, good stems and foliage.

Daily Sketch—Giant clusters with exceptionally large florets make this variety one of the most popular. Color is light salmon pink with a crimson eye.

Eva Foerster—Bright salmon rose, white center, large trusses, dwarf, early. A must in any perennial garden.

Lilac Time—A new, beautiful dark lilac, with white eye. 65c.

Miss Lingard—Tall, early, white. An old time favorite.

Leo Schlageter—Bright crimson scarlet with large clusters filled with big florets. Use this to highlight your border.

Sir John Falstaff—Exceptionally large flower heads with very large florets of rich salmon pink. 65c.

Spitfire—Huge salmon red giant clusters with big florets in an unfading shade. Clean foliage and a strong grower.

PLATYCODON (Balloon Flower)

***Japonicum**—Blue. 15 inches. August-September.

***Japonicum Album**—Same except white flowers.

***New Shell Pink**—Distinctive pale pink flowers. The introducer says it blooms all Summer.

***Double White**—Large double flowers of pure white. 15 inches. August-September. 75c.

PLUMBAGO (Leadwort)

***Larpentae**—12 inches. Rich foliage and deep blue flowers late in the Summer. Useful as groundcover or in a rock garden either sun or shade.

PRIMULA (Primrose)

***Veris Hybrids**—All primulas are best planted in fairly rich moist soil and shade. Early May. 6 to 10 inches. A good rock garden plant for shady locations.

PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisy)

Helen—Double pink. 75c.

Mixed English—Shades of pink, rose, salmon and white. In single and double flowers.

Robinsons—Red. A good strain.

Rose Mist—Double rosy red. 75c.

RUDBECKIA (Coneflower)

Crimson Star—Large, daisy-like maroon red flowers. July through September. 2 ft. 75c.

New Double White—Large double white turning beautiful pink with age. July through September. 2 ft. \$1.50.

The King—Large, star-like, crimson-red flowers borne on stiff four to five foot stems. September. 60c each.

SCABIOSA (Blue Bonnet)

Caucasica—The hardy perennial Scabiosa. 2 ft. Lavender-blue flowers. August-September.

SEDUM (Stonecrop)

Acre—Prostrate light green foliage with bright yellow flowers crowning the spreading mats. Excellent for flagging.

Glaucom—An excellent, slow growing, dwarf variety for rock gardens. Attractive blue-green foliage. Prefers a sunny location and a well drained soil.

Spurium Dragon's Blood—A real gem for the rock garden, dry walls and flagging. Reddish-bronze dense foliage only 2 inches high in solid clumps. The dark carmine red flowers set just above the foliage from late June until October.

Spectabile Brilliant—Heavy, thick, grey-green foliage with flower clusters of bright rose-red from late July until October. 18 inches tall.

Sarmentosa—A trailing sedum with yellow flowers. A good grower. 4 inches. June.

STATICE (Sea Lavender)

Latifolia—Lavender. 18 inches. July-August. Used in bouquets much the same as baby's breath.

STOKESIA (Stokes Aster)

Blue Moon—Large lavender flowers. 18 inches. July-October.

Silver Moon—About same as above with white flowers. 65c.

THYMUS (Thyme)

***Citriodorus**—The delightfully fragrant lemon scented thyme which adapts itself so readily to planting between flagstones. The leaves are used for flavoring. Low and spreading. June-July.

***Lanuginosus**—(Woolly leaved thyme). A close creeping plant similar to the above but leaves have a light gray cast, and very hairy. 2 in. June-July.

ROSES

We always have a good supply of the latest patented roses of merit including a representative list of hybrid-tea, hybrid perpetual, polyantha, florabunda and climbing roses. Ask for our rose price list.

We also have a very complete list of evergreens, shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs, and small fruits.

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A FREE ESTIMATE ON YOUR
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